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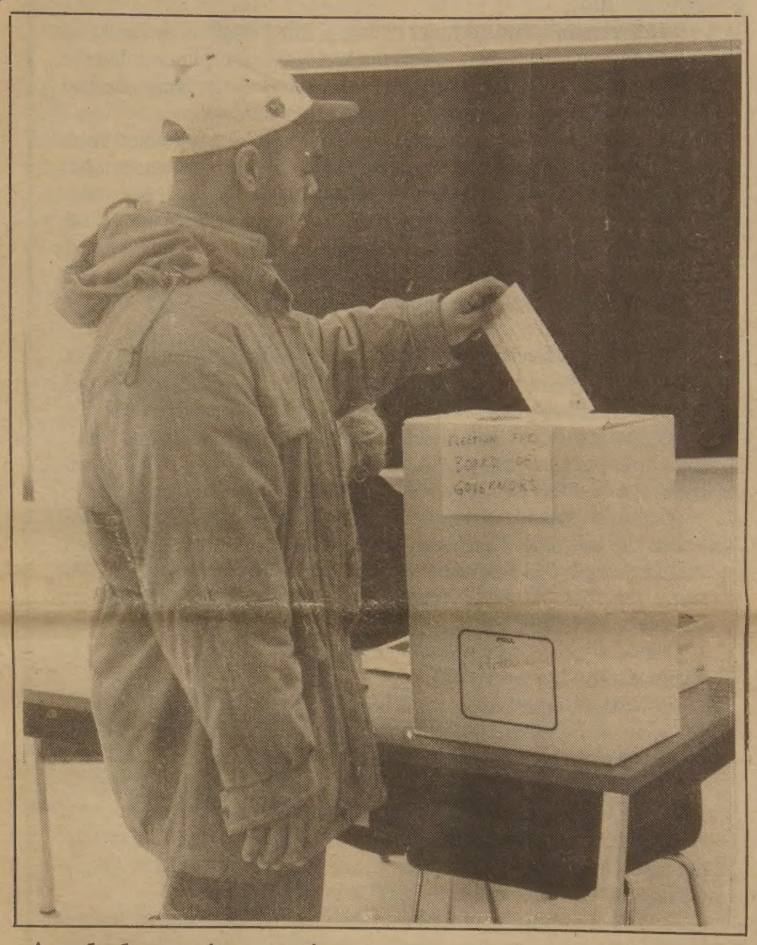

And the winner is . . .

Jamie Sholer casts his vote for the Board of Governors student election, which took place on Monday. Only 127 students voted. The winner? Well, we can't tell you that right now. A tie occurred and the winner is to be decided by an arbitrator.

Photo by Duncan Warrener

Arbitrator must decide Board of Governors vote

By TROY CLARKE
Staff Writer

The outcome of Monday's controversial Niagara College student governor election is in the hands of an arbitrator.

At press time, returning officer Eugene Maltais, a political science instructor, had not decided whether Dale Deloughery broke campaign rules by putting posters in restricted areas. Maltais is expected to make his decision within the next few days.

Monday's election ended in a tie, with Kelly Arcand and Deloughery getting 44 votes. Third candidate Stuart McDonald received 39 votes.

If found in violation, Deloughery, 24, could face disqualification and Arcand will sit on Niagara College's Board of Governors next year. If found not in violation, Deloughery, as well as Arcand, could ask for a recount.

Mary Hornak, Board of Governors secretary, said if the election remains tied the winner's name will be drawn from a hat.

Maltais said he is looking at a number of issues raised by McDonald in a letter protesting Deloughery's actions.

"I am waiting to talk to all the people involved before I make a decision," Maltais said.

McDonald, 25, filed the letter accusing Deloughery, Student Administrative Council president, of campaigning on election day.

McDonald said he saw three campaign flyers on the polling station door in Hennepin Hall, as well as on walls and lockers throughout the Welland campus.

"I told Mary Hornak immediately. She came with me, took the posters down, I checked my watch and it was 10:55 a.m., one hour after voting started," McDonald said.

In his letter of protest to Maltais, McDonald said Deloughery "blatantly disregarded" campaign rules.

"It is important to note, that this illegally posted material appeared on the day of the election and not before. This gave Kelly and I little chance to rectify the situation," he wrote in his protest letter.

"I consider Deloughery's actions a serious breech of the rules and I propose he be disqualified as a candidate for governor," the letter added.

Asked if she took Deloughery's posters off the door, Hornak said yes. She said she then instructed Deloughery to take the rest down.

"They were put on the door by a representative of mine," said Deloughery, a second-year Human Relations program student.

"I'm not saying it wasn't my fault though, I guess I should have checked."

Arcand, 20, a first-year Business Administration program student, said she does not know if Deloughery broke any rules, but added "if he did, I hope the situation will be dealt with promptly and fairly."

Deloughery, who did not attend an orientation meeting with other

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Spring into Niagara College April 4th

By LLOYD ABBS
Staff Writer

Niagara College will hold its annual open house on Sunday, April 4, at the Welland campus.

The event, which allows prospective students from across Ontario and their parents to explore the campus, will feature such activities as: law and security students taking your fingerprints, having nursing students check your blood pressure, motorcycle rides, demonstrations by the robotics stations as well as simulated television production in the broadcasting, radio and television area. Visitors will also be entertained by the Sunburst Steel Band.

Randy Conlon, Niagara College's information officer, said he is optimistic of a good turnout because of the importance of the college's open house.

"The open house is especially important because it gives students a chance to meet their future teachers and co-ordinators. It also gives them a chance to see what the college has to offer."

About 2,000 people attended last year's open house.

Conlon also invites members of the college's Alumni Association to attend.

All programs will be represented including the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls, Mack Centre of Nursing and the Horticultural Centre in St. Catharines.

The college's bookstore and the fashion boutique will also be open for business.

The open house begins at 1 p.m. and concludes at 4 p.m.

Pay equity implementation subject of ongoing talks

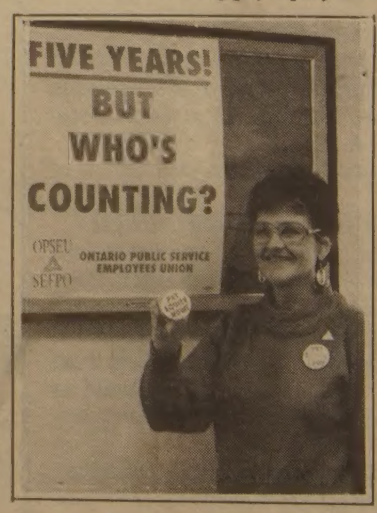
By KARLA SCHINDEL
Staff Writer

Despite five years of negotiation provincial colleges and the Ontario Public Services Employees Union have made no apparent progress in agreements concerning the issue of pay equity.

"I think what they (the colleges) are trying to do is save money and not solve the problem fairly and equitably," said Barbara Fonfara, President of Local 243 OPSEU support staff.

OPSEU, the union that represents college support staff workers, and the colleges have developed a mutually acceptable gender neutral (not favoring male jobs over female jobs in pay) job classification system. However, it has yet to be implemented she said.

So negotiations have resumed, this time concerning pay equity's



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implentation as any pay equity plan is retroactive to Jan. 1, 1990.

"The colleges have said their financial situation forces them to be conservative when looking at the factors," Fonfara said.

"We are concerned about the budget problems too, but if the college had implemented it back in 1990, there weren't the budget problems then."

The union negotiating team met with the Council of Regents in Toronto on Wednesday and Thursday to continue implementation negotiations.

This issue affects about 180 support workers at Niagara College, including those who provide maintenance, library, computer, and secretarial services.

"What we want is the government to respect their obligations under the act ... We want fairness, we want equity - we want pay equity."

Date rape a big problem

By JENNIFER HERR
Staff Writer

Eighty-one per cent of women surveyed by sociologists at Ottawa's Carleton University feel they have been assaulted on university campuses in dating situations.

The survey, conducted by Walter Dekeseredy and Katharine Kelly late last year, was based on questionnaires filled out by 3,142 students, with about a 50 per cent male-female split. The survey raised questions regarding both psychological and physical abuse, from insult and swearing to blatant rape.

At Niagara College, students and staff feel the survey is accurate in terms of the post-secondary dating scene.

Caroline Hurst, school nurse for the college, says three cases of date rape were reported in the last academic year. However, this is not necessarily a clear indication of the extent of the problem "because for every one that is reported, you have to multiply the number by the five to 20 cases that are not reported," she says.

Women are generally unaware of what legal and psychological route to take after an assault, and therefore are often slow or unlikely to report the incident, she adds.

"When a woman decides to press charges against her aggressor, she becomes the actual scene of the crime."

Hurst says the best route for a woman to take is to call the police. They will give the woman the option of pressing charges or not, but more importantly, will ensure the woman is set up with a CARSA (Community Against Rape and Sexual Assault) worker. This immediate support is important to the healing process of the victim.

The best way to guard against date assault is knowledge, says Hurst, who hopes next year information on this crime will be available to students in the orientation packages.

She says "the greatest incidence" of assault occurs in September and October, with new students coming into a new environment.

Students at the college also see date rape and assault as a problem needing immediate resolution in the academic setting.

Tim Morison, a 21-year-old first year Business Sales program student from St. Catharines, says men should be targeted in terms of the "No means no" message. "They know it's there, but they just don't really understand," he says, adding the message needs to be simple. "If a person says no, that's it. I think no is a strong enough word to get the point across."

Haunted castle

The souls of tortured victims are supposedly still inside this old 16th century castle in Wales. The castle is a tour pleasure for visitors new to the country.

Photo by Nicholas Phillips

Kiss the Flame

Consequences of drunk-driving

By Heather D. Hodgson
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Special to Niagara News

In this series, we have explored the definition and some of the consequences of impaired operation of a motor vehicle. Now we will take the next step, to look at the victim. The easiest way to do this is to use a case study. I have changed the names of the parties involved. This study is based on a true incident that occurred in Mississauga.

Mary and Jim were expecting their first child. She was seven months pregnant. Mary was 24, she and Jim had been married for three years. It had been difficult for her to get pregnant. They had agonized through tests and solutions to the problem. Now, it was true, they were expecting their first child. Mary was employed as a switchboard operator for a local company. Jim was a driver for a transport firm.

It was a clear, warm summer evening. Mary stopped by Becker's on her evening walk. As she left the store, she was pleased that the traffic light was green. The groceries were heavier than she had expected. She started to cross the four-lane road.

As she entered the third lane, she was struck by a full-sized vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed. The first impact was on her leg. She was thrown onto the hood of the car, her face hit the windshield. She continued over the top of the car, flying through the air. She landed on the cold surface of the road. She lay there, dazed. The moon was full above her, she could see the stars. She didn't know where she was. Her eyes were swelling shut. She had difficulty breathing.

The police arrived. One officer knelt beside her, trying to comfort her. Another arrested the impaired 18-year-old who had struck her. Other officers directed traffic and kept the onlookers back.

When the officer knelt beside her, all she kept saying was "Save my baby. Save my baby." She tried to hold her belly, where, perhaps, she had felt the baby kick just moments before the crash.

As the ambulance arrived, she lost consciousness. They rushed her to the hospital. There was nothing that could be done to save her. Her skull was fractured, as was her collar bone, leg, hip and some ribs. Two ribs had pierced her lung. Some of her organs were ruptured, including her uterus.

Frantically, the surgical team tried to save the baby — a baby girl. There was no hope.

Jim was sitting at home watching the television when the officer arrived. In shock, he accompanied the officer to the hospital. He wasn't a religious person, but, he prayed all the way there.

At the hospital, he was taken to the "quiet room". A doctor he didn't know told him that his wife was dead. Then, before he could even ask, the doctor added that the baby was also dead. Overcome, not really knowing what he was saying, he asked if he had a daughter or a son. "She was a little girl" was the response.

Jim began smashing his fist into the wall. He had to be restrained by the officer. When he calmed down, he was led to the morgue where he had to identify his wife.

Jim spent months searching for answers. He approached the health care workers, the justice system people, the coroner. He reached out to friends, family, and his employer for understanding and support. No one seemed to fully understand what he was going through. In time, the answer from everyone was "get on with your life." How could he? In his mind, he had no life left.

Next issue: The victim, part 2.

LASA students guard campus

SHERI GOODMAN
Staff Writer

The Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls is guarded by 10 second-year Law and Security Administration program students every weeknight from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

They started March 18 and will guard the campus until the end of April.

A Metropol security guard comes in at 8 p.m. until midnight.

The students get on-the-job training and practical experience, said Heather Hodgson, an instructor in the law and security program. Other students have work placement elsewhere.

"We had to cut costs because of security and because the place is empty before the night classes start, a few of the girls who work there were feeling very insecure and this was something LASA could do to get experience," said Linda Maidens, the college's building services supervisor.

A memo was sent out to all the other colleges regarding what they thought about the possibility of using LASA students for the use of security, most answered that they have used them for car walk programs and pub nights, Maidens said.

Visual Arts student designs Kiss the Flame logo

By JENNIFER HERR
Staff Writer

Kiss the Flame has a new logo.

The new emblem was designed by Aiden Whitty, 20, a second-year Creative and Visual Arts program student. Whitty admits initial ignorance about Kiss the Flame, a program organized at Niagara College by Heather Hodgson, a Law and Security Administration instructor, to encourage alcohol and drug-free lifestyles among students.

"I didn't know what Kiss the Flame was at that point, so I just went by the title given. The flame was something I wanted to do right away. Then, I kept playing with it and came up with the woman's face," said Whitty. Since entering the contest, Whitty has gained a greater understanding of the objectives of the program.

Whitty entered the contest on a whim. "I just saw the brief on the board. No one seemed to enter it, so I thought I would. I was kind of surprised to win."

Whitty's prize package, awarded as part of the Drug Awareness Week contests held last November, included dinner for two at the Niagara College Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls, a Niagara College windbreaker and baseball cap, and a NoteTote binder. The prizes were donated from various sources, and awarded in early January.

Whitty plans to further his artistic career. "I've applied to Sheridan (College in Oakville, Ont.), and if all goes well, I should be there next year for animation," says Whitty.

The new logo appears with Hodgson's weekly column in Niagara News, and will be displayed in poster form.

Malone returns from successful Asian trip; new link for Niagara and Buddhist colleges

By HENRY MALUNDA
Staff Writer

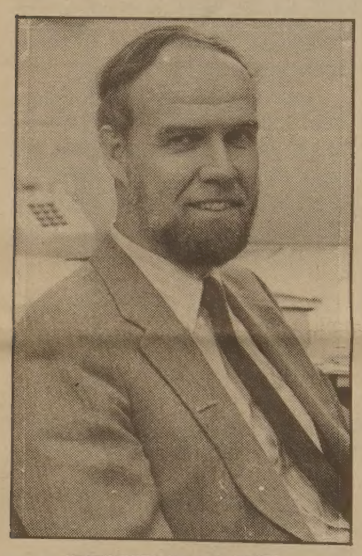
International education director Dennis Malone returned earlier this month from a successful two-week visit to Asia where he attended a Canadian Education Fair in Seoul, South Korea, and finalized a linkage agreement between Niagara College and Buddhist College in Hong Kong.

While in South Korea, he also attended the formal opening of a new education resource centre at the Canadian embassy.

"It was a very busy schedule," he said.

The Canadian Education Fair, organized by the Canadian embassy, was held at the Western Chosum Hotel in Seoul on March 6.

"The intention was to highlight education and trade opportunities in Canada," Malone said. "One of the roles of the embassy there is to assist people with Canadian trade and education information through brochures, films, videos and other materials."



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He said up to 300 Korean students and 30 Canadian educational and commercial institutions attended the fair. The education institutions included high schools, colleges and universities.

The student figure was higher than the 200 people organizers had anticipated, Malone said.

"More chairs had to be rushed to the hotel to accommodate the surging numbers," he said.

The students listened to presentations about education, trade and other features in Canada made by the institutional representatives, and obtained related information materials.

The Education Fair was also an effort by the Canadian embassy to respond to a reduced Korean student intake to Canada during 1992. Canadian student authorization visas to South Korean students dropped to 600 in 1992 from 800 in 1991. Malone said he attributed the drop to delays caused by the process of authorizing student visas at Canadian embassies.

Under Canadian immigration policy, student authorization visas for one country have to be processed in another country. In most cases, the embassy staff are overwhelmed by the number of visa requests submitted.

"We are looking at probably one doctor approving up to 200 medical examination results," Malone said.

South Korean student visas have to be processed in Hong Kong.

Malone said the embassy section for student authorization visas in Seoul "is trying hard to speed up the process."

'There would not be the problem of having to squeeze out Canadian students ...' - Malone

Meanwhile, an agreement linking Niagara College with Hong Kong's Buddhist College through the faculties of business administration was finalized with a visit to the college by Malone from March 10 to March 12.

Under the linkage agreement, two staff members in the business administration department at Niagara will teach the entire first-year business administration course at Buddhist College in Kowloon, Hong Kong. The students will then complete their second and third-year courses at Niagara College where they will graduate with a diploma, said Malone.

The students will be registering as Niagara College students.

"After graduation, the students will go back to Hong Kong to either join the working sector or continue with their studies," he said. "Those who will proceed with their studies in the program will get credit for their instruction at Niagara College."

The international education director acknowledged there was "a great deal of work to be done" in terms of staffing at Niagara College, producing print materials for the course, and acquiring accommodation for the instructors.

"Although Niagara College has the capacity to accommodate more students, there are not all that many instructors to send out," Malone said.

The instructors are expected to teach in Hong Kong as part of their sabbatical leave.

'Niagara College has the capacity to accommodate more students...' - Malone

The program is scheduled to begin in September with the first group of between 15 and 20 second-year students from Hong Kong expected at Niagara College in the fall of 1994.

Malone cited two main benefits anticipated from the program.

"It would provide a tremendous amount of opportunity to our faculty staff to experience working at an overseas institution," he said. "The experience with overseas students would be very important for working with international students at Niagara College."

In the long term, the program is expected to set up a large stream of overseas students to Niagara.

The program is also seen as an attempt to create more room for overseas students whose intake in the first year is sometimes limited by priority considerations for Canadian students.

"There would not be the problem of having to squeeze out Canadian students in the first year," Malone said.

In Hong Kong, the program is expected to boost the reputation of Buddhist College, helping it attract more students.

It will also make it possible to place Canadian students interested in doing their Niagara College business administration studies in Hong Kong.

Buddhist College was established by the Hong Kong Buddhist Sangha Association in 1969 as a non-profit institution of higher education.

Since its inception, emphasis has been on educational exchanges with Western education systems aimed at exposing the Chinese culture, as well as at gaining assistance in acquiring professional knowledge and skills.

The college has three campuses in Shamshuipo, Kowloon; Laichok and the "Wun Fat Ching She" campus in Tsuen Wan. It has 10 departments including: education and sociology; Buddhism; philosophy; business administration; fine art; social work; banking and accounting; civil and structural engineering; English language and literature, and Chinese literature and history.

Dr. Wun Kin-wah, the college's president, obtained his training at Carlton University in Ottawa.

The linkage agreement between the two colleges was scheduled to be unveiled to the Hong Kong public at a press conference expected to be convened by an official in the Ontario government, representing Niagara College.

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THE EDITORIAL PAGE

Violent cult leader endangers followers as standoff continues

Waco, Texas. Certainly not the geographic hotbed when it comes to American cities. A small town like this is always looking for ways to get some of the recognition big metropolises such as New York City and Chicago normally steal.

But, it's pretty safe to say this midwestern town would much rather have stayed anonymous than get the exposure it has received because of a power-hungry, self-consumed man who thinks he is God's gift to the world — actually a man who thinks he is God.

Cult leader David Koresh, who claims to be Jesus Christ, has taken over this town and blindly led it into possible peril, frighteningly reminiscent of the Jimmy Jones scenario of the early 1970s.

Somehow he has managed to convince over 100 people from across the continent, and as distant as England, that he is worthy of their worship. He has brainwashed them to believe he has the right to claim 15 wives, some of them not yet teenagers, which in itself makes one wonder who the real degenerates are — him or his followers.

Maybe his ploy has been to get press coverage and air time for the sake of promoting himself and his cult. If this is the case, he must be happy knowing that NBC has already started shooting a movie about his controversial life. The Hollywood filmmakers, however, won't be able to finish the script until an end to this standoff — be it peaceful or violent — actually occurs. So Koresh must decide if he wants to stay huddled inside his compound, or if he wants to come out to reap the benefits of a box-office smash.

The armed firepower Koresh's religious cult has is staggering. Police said they would have raided the compound months ago, but halted when they realized Koresh had bigger weapons than they had.

Hey Dave, if you're really set on comparing yourself to Jesus, I think you forgot one important character trait — He was a pacifist.

Darren Esau

Doctor-assisted suicide debated as B.C. woman challenges law

Contrary to popular belief, Susan Rodriguez does not want to die.

The 42-year-old British Columbia resident is stricken with terminal amyotrophic sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, and has but a few months to live. She is using her precious final days to try and persuade the Supreme Court of Canada to allow her to commit suicide with the aid of a doctor.

The Criminal Code of Canada makes doctor-assisted suicide illegal with a penalty of 14 years in prison.

With the support of the Right-to-Die Society and several physicians, Rodriguez is fighting to have this legislation abolished for her sake and the benefit of others who don't want to go on "living" as a mere shell of their former selves on the reliance of drugs and chronic care.

Rodriguez has the same innate fear of death that we all possess, but she doesn't want to come to the time when "living ends and dying begins," she said in a article in the Vancouver Sun.

The Canadian government must respect the individual freedoms of humans. If someone wants to prolong his life, that's his choice. But those who wish to die with dignity should not have to endure the physical and mental agony of prolonged death that legislation requires.

In that same article, Rodriguez said she is determined to "live life with joy as long as I can and, when that's no longer possible, to die quickly, painlessly and with my dignity and my spirit intact."

Is she asking too much?

Darius Sokal

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

As the school year draws to a close, like many Niagara College students I am considering my choices for courses next year. A few months ago, I was elated to discover that Niagara College was offering a native studies program that was to commence in September 1993.

On March 19, I went to the admissions department in Hennepin Hall and not one person could offer me any information concerning the program. In fact, they asked me where I had gathered this information because they did not know that the program was even being considered. I remember first reading about the native studies program in an issue of the Niagara News.

I would like to know if, and when, native studies will be introduced to the college, how many classes are going to be offered, and who I can speak to, to gain more information.

Thank you and happy Many Frogs Peeping (celebration of Sun and Moon influence over new growth).

Jennifer Sheridan
First-year Journalism Print

Benefit dance successful

By SUE HARVEY
Staff Writer

About $4,700 was raised for the Niagara Ground Search and Rescue voluntary group during a benefit dance earlier this month at the Merritton Community Centre in St. Catharines.

The 35-member group was founded eight months ago by Larry Zabzinski. The Niagara Ground Search and Rescue is a regional, non-profit, charitable organization, dedicated to the people of the Niagara Region.

The dance featured a performance by the band Chaser. The four-member band donated their time to play songs from the 1950s to 1990s.

The evening of dance and food was sponsored by more than 10 businesses, including Shopper's Drug Mart, White Oaks Inn, Jacqui's Flower Forest, and Keystone Kelly's.

The volunteers are trained in advanced map and compass work, first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and survival skills. Several members also belong to C.A.R.E.S. Niagara (Civil Air Rescue Emergency Services).

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer, must be at least 18 years old, in good physical condition, and open to new ideas. The members meet every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Niagara District Airport in the CARES Niagara headquarters.

For more information call Larry Zabzinski, president and founder, at 227-0775.

Campaign to eliminate taxes

By JENNIFER HERR
Staff Writer

The Don't Tax Reading Coalition, a group organized to fight the charging of the Goods and Services Tax on reading material, has launched a new phase in its campaign.

Beginning this month, the organization will distribute thousands of postcards to colleges and universities across Canada and has begun placing advertisements in daily and student newspapers to oppose the taxing of literature. This endeavor coincides with the Senate debate on a bill to zero-rate reading material.

The coalition, based in Toronto, believes consumers have bought fewer books, magazines and newspapers since the implementation of the GST. More money is collected on literature each year than is spent on publishing and adult literacy combined, says the group.

All levels of government have stated an interest in dropping the tax from reading material. The bill currently before the Senate is in its second reading, and if it is passed in both the Senate and the House of Commons, will remove the GST from literature. A similar private member's motion is scheduled to be heard in the House of Commons in March.

Global peace encouraged

by PETER KOZELA
Staff Writer

The world is becoming a global village, says James Nicholas, a sociology instructor at Niagara College.

"Any part of the world is only a phone call away. The whole world has become electronically, one," he said.

A member of the World Council for Global Peace, Nicholas spoke last Thursday to a group of students at the college as Thursday was declared a day against racial discrimination by the United Nations.

Nicholas, who was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize last year, referred to the teachings of the Baha'ullah throughout his address.

The Baha'ullah's "great message is the richness of humanity to a beautiful flower garden because of a garden's great variety," he said.

He also mentioned some of the other teachings, like truth is a paradox, a contradiction, and hatred is a form of frustrated love.

"All human beings evolved from the same source," Nicholas said.

Nicholas said that Iran and Iraq, which was known as Babylonia, was the birthplace of civilization.

He said certain people in history belong to the world and not just to the country they came from.

"Shakespeare just doesn't belong to England, he belongs to the world," he said.

The UN declared an international day against racial discrimination three years ago.

PERSPECTIVES

Controversy surrounds student governor elections

By TROY CLARKE
Staff Writer

The idea that this year's student governor race may be decided somewhere within the perimeter of a hat is surpassed only by the fact that this burlesque show we like to call an election has no victor.

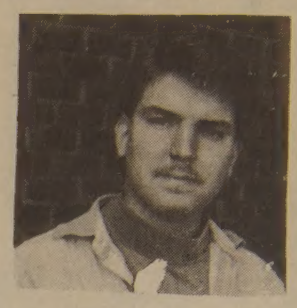
I know Dale Deloughery from covering the Student Administrative Council. Having never lost a SAC election, he's proven himself an intelligent politician. But putting campaign flyers on a polling station door was a mistake. For this reason, and this reason only, he should be disqualified from the election.

When the polls opened at 10 a.m. Monday, Deloughery's campaign posters were located in some questionable, if not forbidden, locations, where they remained for almost an hour. Deloughery's opponents Kelly Arcand, 20, a first-year Business Administration program student, and Stuart McDonald, 25, a first-year Journalism-Print program student, were told of the election regulations at an orientation meeting with Mary Hornak, Board of Governors secretary. The regulations stipulate, in no uncertain terms, posters are not to be put outside polling stations on election day. Walls and glass are also off-limits.

Although Deloughery, 24, a second-year Human Relations program student, says a representative of his put at least one poster on the door, he is ultimately responsible for his campaign contributors.

Why then did Deloughery put posters where he was not supposed to? Well, he says he was not aware of the guidelines, but in this type of campaign, ignorance is no excuse. It was his responsibility to find out. He agrees, but says some sort of written form of regulations should have been given to the candidates.

McDonald, who filed a protest against Deloughery's tactics, and his campaign manager Jillian Watson say they saw Hornak tear three of Deloughery's posters off the polling station door. And his



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remaining posters were put on walls and lockers throughout the campus; this election ended up in a tie between Deloughery and Arcand, and if only one person went through that door and voted for Dale that soon after seeing his poster, that one person made the difference.

Deloughery has been a good SAC president and is more than capable of sitting on the Board of Governors, but whether intentional or not, he didn't run a fair campaign.

If, by some remote chance, returning officer Eugene Maltais decides no rules were broken, and a recount does not establish a winner, both candidates names go in a hat. You know what happens next.

And don't rule out the possibility of another election.

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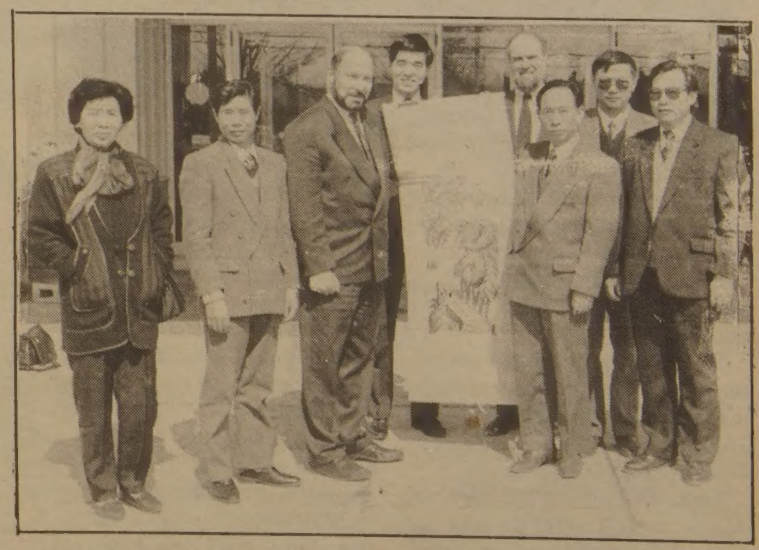
candidates, said he was not aware of the regulations. However, Hornak said she called Deloughery after the meeting and told him the regulations.

Meanwhile, McDonald, a first-year Journalism-Print program student, said if he had been able to put posters in those places, "my campaign would have been different."

A fond farewell

By TROY CLARKE
Staff Writer

I was going to write a column about student apathy here at Niagara College, but I couldn't be bothered.



Goodwill visit

Delegates from the Hunan Provincial Education Commission from China present Niagara College President John Saso with a mural representing the co-operation and friendship between Niagara and Xiangtan University in China. The delegation spent two days in the Niagara area touring. From left: Fengyun Ji, deputy director, higher education division; Zhongyang Tang, chief editor of Hunan education journal; John Saso; You-Jai Wu, international student at Niagara acting as translator; Dennis Malone, Niagara College's director of international education; Xiangqin Feng, chairman of Hunan Provincial Education Commission and president of Hunan Educational Association for International Exchange; Fangqing Shu, deputy director, foreign affairs office of HPEC and Zhengzhong Chen, vice-president of Xiangtan University.

Photo by Troy Clarke

Spring has sprung at the Horticultural Centre

Customers at Niagara College's Horticultural program Open House last weekend, inspect the many flowers and plants for sale in one of the greenhouses.

Photo by Samantha Magill

By SAMANTHA MAGILL
Staff Writer

About 3,000 people got a small taste of spring in full bloom at Niagara College's Horticultural Centre Open House in St. Catharines last weekend.

"We were down in attendance from last year," said Tom Ball, co-ordinator of the college's Horticultural program. "We had terrible weather on Saturday. If the sun would have peeked out I'm sure we would have had more attend."

The flower show and open house provided the public with exotic plant displays, floral design arrangements, a children's room with face painting, a Hawaiian tropical refreshment room, and numerous foliage and flower arrangements which gave a feeling of paradise.

"We have worked on the open house since Monday," said Mike Brisbois, 21, a first-year Horticultural program student. "For five days we worked from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We did all right; we kept organized, besides the fact that we had an excellent crew."

Upstairs from the show, there were three rooms displaying plants from the Niagara Regional Orchid Society, Bonsai Society and Cactus and Succulent Society.

Downstairs the horticultural students sold spring flowers and hanging arrangements. The amount of people buying the plants proves that the arrangements were reasonably priced.

In another corner of the horticultural centre, synthetic floral design flower arrangements were made and sold by the students.

"We use the techniques learned in our floral design class to make the arrangements for the sale," said Kelly Alison, 25, a second-year horticultural student.

The Hawaiian refreshment room displayed a large water fountain surrounded by landscape bricks and authentic tropical plants. The refreshment stand was similar to a bamboo hut. All the horticultural students wore Hawaiian leis to add to the festive mood.

"I come to the open house every year," said Vivian Shoalts. "Every year I always enjoy it."

Ontario revises care plan

By KARLA SCHINDEL
Staff Writer

In anticipation of service and human resource demands associated with an aging population and an increased demand for services to people with disabilities, Ontario is in the process of improving its network of long-term care services.

These improvements will include changes to provincial curriculum guidelines for the training of long-term health care workers.

The key to the ensuing change is "portability of learning and training," said Doris Evans, co-ordinator of Niagara College's Health-Care Aide and Home Support Worker programs, and a member of the retraining project's resource group.

Workers providing services at long-term care facilities and at private homes are known as health care aides, home support workers, homemakers, and personal care attendants.

However, the ultimate goal of the province's retraining project is to incorporate all of these titles and abilities into one — Home and Personal Support workers.

Those who work within the home will be trained to fill the gap that currently exists between homemakers (home support workers) and registered nursing assistants, which may be the difference between a patient going to a care facility or staying at home.

Long-term care workers in facilities must have updated training to ensure it prepares them for their role and the changing standards and needs of residents.

"More of an emphasis will also be placed on the consumer selecting their own workers and training them," Evans said. This is particularly the case with disabled people within their own homes.

"For example, the care worker will be trained to become their (the consumer's) pair of legs, their pair of arms" in order to be integrated into each person's environment on an individual basis.

The project, originally initiated by the Long-Term Care Division of the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Community and Social Services, and the Ontario and Community Support Association (OSCA), will be divided into four parts: occupational assessment, provincial curriculum standards, provincial policies related to standards and provincial training systems, and the plan for implementation.

Occupational Assessment will provide the resource group with information regarding the competencies among the forementioned health care workers and how they compare, so that similarities, differences and core skills can be determined. Once determined it will be decided how feasible it is to integrate the occupations.

Provincial Curriculum Standards will determine the range of training delivery modes; develop model curriculum, evaluation methods and training aids; and determine prerequisites or entrance requirements.

Provincial Policies Related to the Standards and Provincial Training System must result in recommendations to the province on a system to assess prior learning; a means to ensure graduates of the training have attained a particular level of proficiency; standards for trainers, and exploration of alternative educational delivery systems.

Plan for Implementation will analyze the impact of the new curriculum standards and training system on workers and unions, employers, educators, and provincial government ministries and services.

The revised training program is projected to be in place by 1994.

Great Britain's Stonehenge

"Your stonehenge, pure genius." This is where the latest sightings of flying cups have occurred. Circle researcher, Rory Tate.

Photo by Nicholas Phillips

AIDS vaccine tested on babies

By JENNIFER BARR
Staff Writer

An AIDS vaccine will be introduced in the U.S. to newborns whose mothers test positive to the disease. The vaccine, scheduled to be given to a 100 babies, will be available in a few months to see if it prevents the babies from developing AIDS.

AIDS, acquired immune deficiency syndrome, is the advanced stage of disease caused by a virus which attacks the body's immune system.

A Toronto AIDS hotline said an article in the Toronto Star last week "raised so many questions" as to what kind of vaccine will be given and what kind of testing was done.

"Canada doesn't follow everything the States does," said Alan Spencer, from the Niagara Regional health services department. He hadn't heard of the U.S. vaccination of babies from HIV mothers.

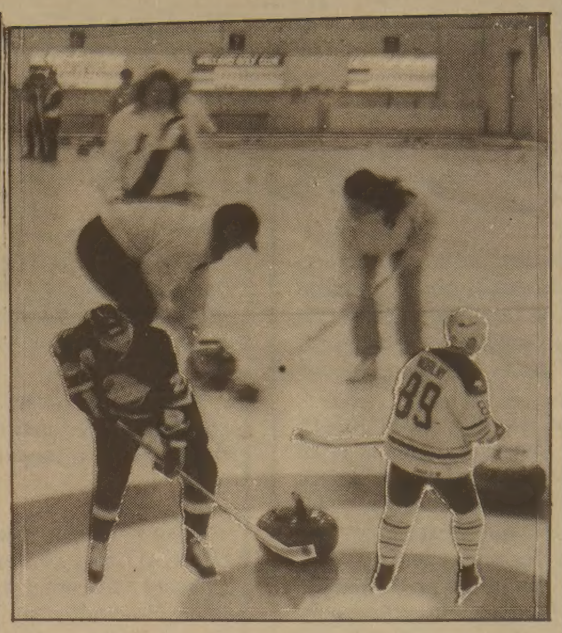
"If the results are promising, they might try it (vaccine) in other places and Canada might get involved," said an education officer from the Ontario Ministry of Health hotline in Toronto.

Six thousand HIV women in the U.S. give birth each year, resulting in 1,500 babies with the antibody which causes AIDS.

Although all babies get the antibody from their HIV mothers, not all develop the virus. A fairly high percentage do get the disease, Spencer said.

Three thousand to 3,500 people have tested HIV positive in Canada. The reported number of AIDS cases in the Niagara Region has reached 71. More than 118 people have tested HIV positive, but Spencer said this number is "underestimated."

Ninety per cent of people don't know they are infected, said Linda Deatcher, support/education co-ordinator for the AIDS Committee of Niagara.



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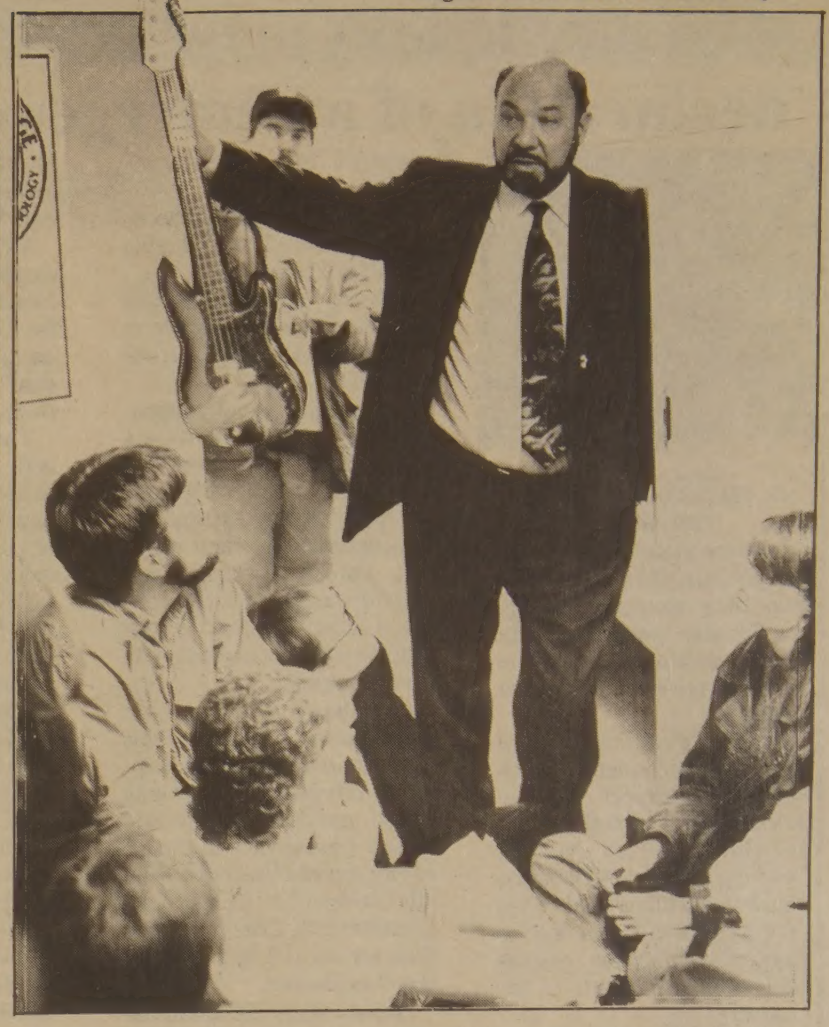

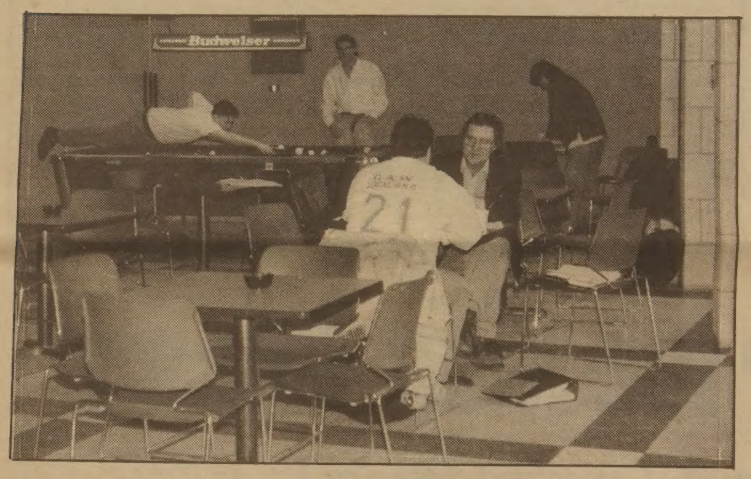

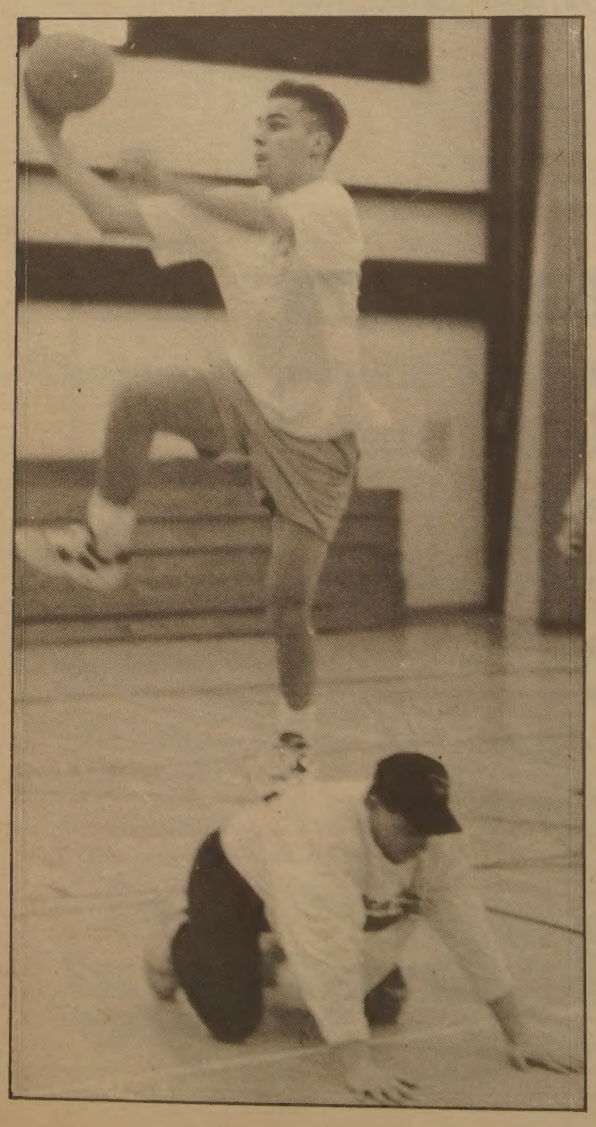

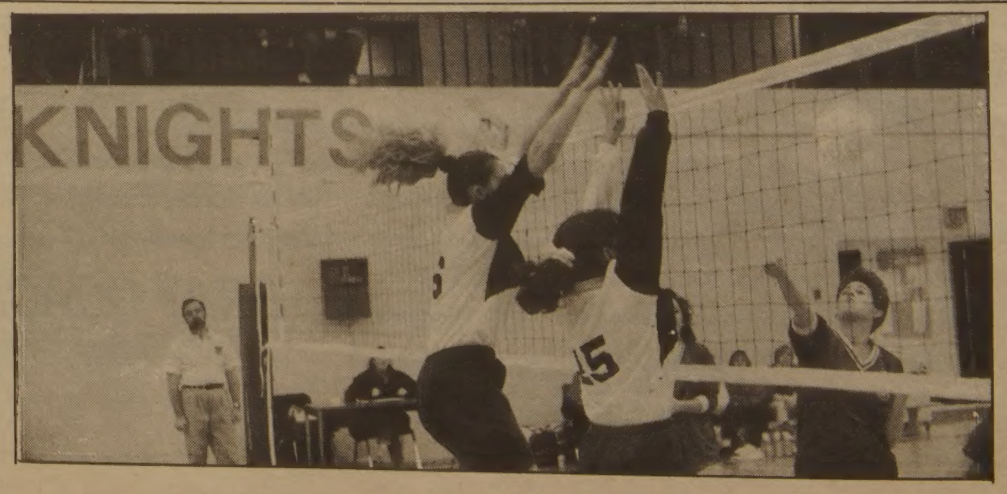

Mixed reactions arise after Yeltsin's declaration of an emergency rule

By HENRY MALUNDA
Staff Writer

Reaction to Russian President Boris Yeltsin's March 20 declaration of an emergency rule suggest Western countries are still firmly behind him while Russians appear divided on their loyalty.

Yeltsin's measures set April 25 for a referendum in which Russians are expected to vote on a new constitution giving him overriding powers over the Congress of People's Deputies. Yeltsin would then abolish the Congress and hold elections to choose a new Supreme Soviet as well as new members of the Congress.

In Russia, the independent mineworkers' unions in the Siberia region backed Yeltsin's emergency rule and threatened to declare a general political strike if Yeltsin's position was undermined.

Former Soviet foreign minister and now Georgian president Eduard Shevardnadze said Russia will avoid a bloody civil war only if Yeltsin's democratic path is supported.

Neighboring Ukrainian leader Leod Kravchuk also gave his support to Yeltsin.

In Rome, former president Mikhail Gorbachev said he is ready to "serve Russia if the people want it."

But the three greatest opppposition figures to Yeltsin's announcement - vice-president Alexander Rutskoi, parliamentary speaker Ruslan Khasbulatov and constitutional court chairman Valery Zorkin - said Yeltsin's announcement contained 18 violations to the constitution which amounted to "an attempted coup."

Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney announced this week Canada was ready to support the Russian economy with an aid package, which would include grain credits, and insisted the proposed Vancouver summit between Yeltsin and U.S. President Bill Clinton, scheduled for April 3-4, should go ahead as planned.

Yeltsin needs 20 billion rubbles (about $28 million) to finance the proposed April referendum.

In the White House, Clinton is pondering what course of action to take, but maintains the Vancouver meeting is still crucial. U.S. Republican minority leader in the Senate, Bob Dole urged Clinton to switch the venue of the proposed summit to Moscow fearing if Yeltsin came to Canada, he would have difficulty returning to Russia.

Meanwhile, the hardline nationalists went into session from March 21 where they asked the Constitutional Court to rule on the legitimacy of the president's plan to impose special rule.

The deputies voted 125-16 with four abstentions in favor of the move against Yeltsin's measures, and later voted 137-9 to condemn Western governments for supporting Yeltsin.

Yeltsin's hope lies in the support from his key cabinet ministers of the interior, defence and security who announced their neutrality in the conflict.

Observers say even if Yeltsin wins in the referendum, he will still need an endorsement from the Congress of the People's Deputies to pass legislation for a new constitution.

Western countries fear if the hardline nationalists reclaim Russia, the old world order might return with an anti-Western Kremlin reversing agreements on arms limitations, selling weapons to clients like Saddam Hussein, vetoing most of Western-supported resolutions in the UN, and slowing down or even cancelling troop withdrawal from eastern Germany. They also fear a Russian invasion into former Soviet republics in the name of rescuing the Russian minorities.

Extended school year may cause students to lose job opportunities

By KAREN KRANJAC
Staff Writer

Jobs are never easy to find. They are particularly difficult to find for college students concerned about whether their school year would be extended.

That was the situation facing Niagara College students wondering about a longer school year.

Unsure of what might happen, Dan Clare, 22, a first-year Culinary Skills program student at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls, decided to seek full-time employment.

He accepted a job a week ago in Jasper, Alta., through the school. Jasper Park Lodge Alberta is a company that employs 600 full-time employees during the summer and 400 through the winter.

The position is available starting May 1 and if Clare can hold the position for the winter he won't return to school in the fall.

"I'll be a general cook that basically helps with food preparation and working on the line," he said. "I'll lose this job if the school year is extended. If I don't get out earlier the job will go to someone else and they have thousands of applicants a year."

Clare said this job opportunity would be "good hands on training" that isn't the same as school. He must be able to prove himself in order to stay there full time.

"They show preference over students from the program but they'll hire anyone who can start work when they need them," he said.

He said he hopes he will be offered a full-time position for the winter because his chances for future summer employment in Alberta are slim. This is the same position he would achieve even if he had graduated from the program.

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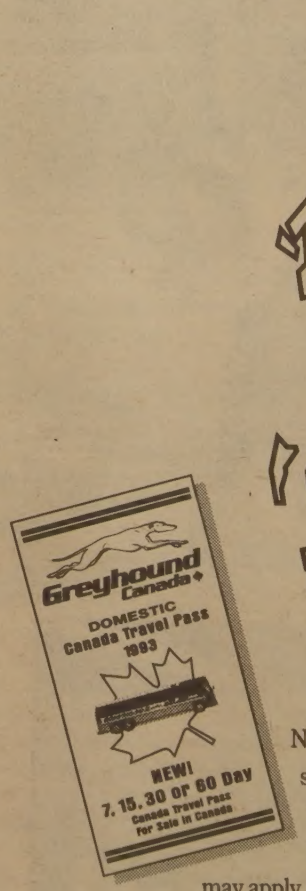

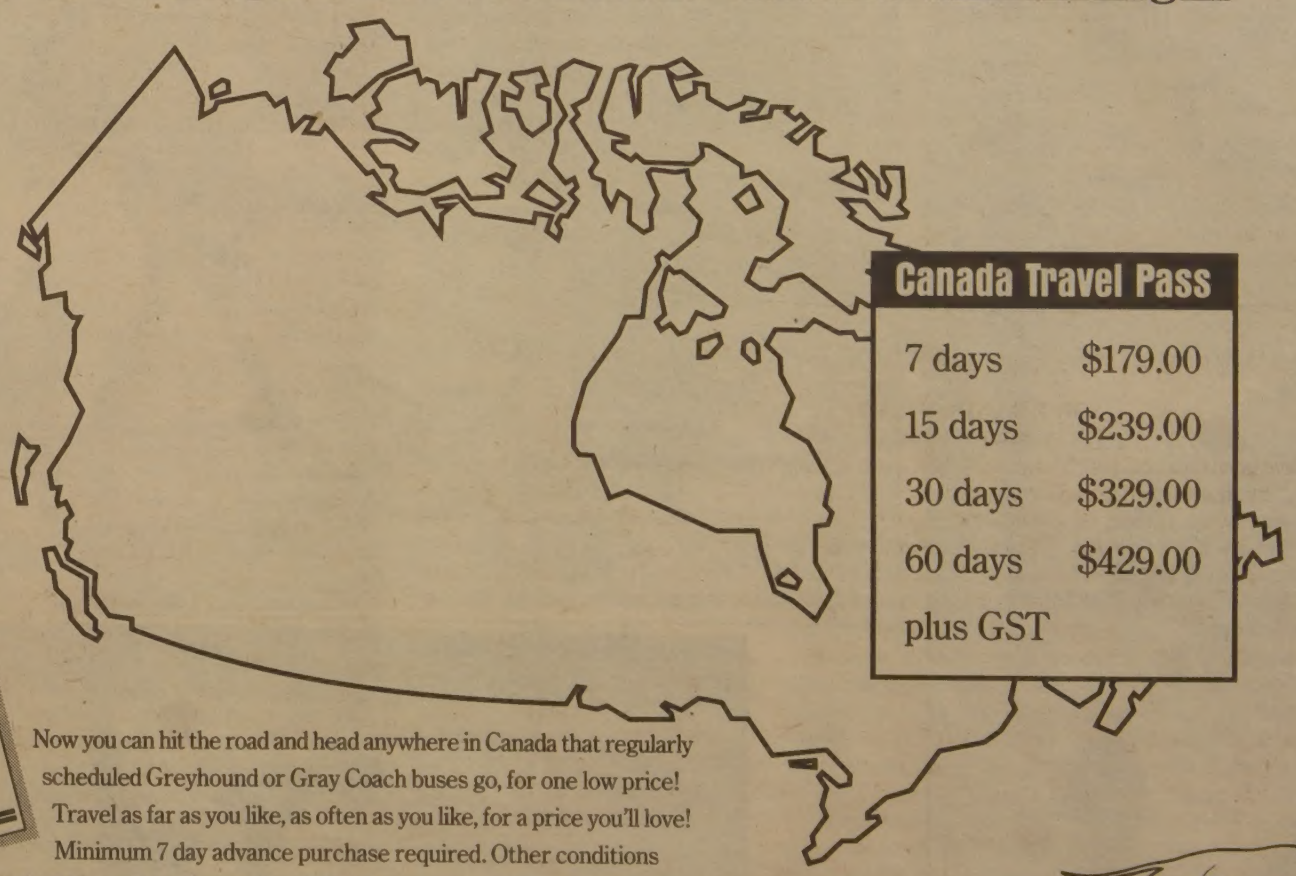

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Censoring music writers is obscene

By BRANDON BAIN
Staff Writer

Every two months a music artist will make the news because something he or she has done is considered obscene.

If it's a well-known artist that usually means plenty of press conferences defending the material, constant badgering from various parents' groups, and of course, higher record sales. No matter who it is, the material in question will sell quickly before it has the chance to be taken off the shelves.

Most recently Ice-T, and his band Bodycount, made news with the song Cop Killer. His record company Warner Brothers decided not to take the song off the album. This would be expected since record sales soared because of the controversy and the album, for the most part, was put down by critics. It was only after the controversy died down that Ice-T decided to take the song off the album himself. Whether he did the song for shock value or just because he was really angry with police is unclear.

One of the more famous obscenity trials was in 1986 when Jello Biafra, singer for the Dead Kennedys, and four other people, were arrested for distributing harmful matter to minors. The alleged pornographic product was the cover art for the album Frankenchrist. The painting was done by H.R. Giger showing nine disembodied sex acts of a color and texture resembling armadillo skin. In a press conference on the day of the indictment Biafra said the case was "the direct result of the religious right's powerplay to impose censorship via ratings and legal harassment against artists whose views happen to be different from their own."

Legal costs ran over $60,000 and and a jury voted seven to five to acquit Biafra and Michael Bonanno, former manager of the Kennedys' record label Alternative Tentacles. Charges against three other people were dismissed earlier because of lack of evidence.

Gwar, who claim to be from Antarctica, but are actually from Virgina, had their newest album America Must Be Destroyed banned in Canada. Canada was the only country to eventually ban the album. In the United States anything can be released but a new law in Canada says lyrics pertaining to sex cannot be too far from the norm. Such songs as Rock'n roll Never Felt So Good, about having sex with a 14-year-old paralyzed girl and Have You Seen Me?, which makes fun of kidnapping children, were banned. The song Crack In The Egg was also banned because of its lyrics mixing sex, drugs and violence.

Canada's first obscenity trial involving music was with The Dayglo Abortions. Dayglo Abortions' record label Fringe Product and distribution/retail subsidiary Record Pedlar were both charged with possessing and distributing obscene material. The albums were Feed Us A Fetus America and Here Today Guano Tomorrow. The charge came after morality squad detective James Fitzgibbons overheard his 14-year-old daughter listening to a Dayglo's record. The two companies won acquittal but not before almost bankrupting them with over $80,000 in defence costs.

The band is voluntarily putting warning labels on their new album but with the title Deux Chiens Fourrent and the cover being that on a Canadian stamp, they just might be in the courts again.

The Parents Music Resource Centre (PMRC), led by Tipper Gore and Susan Baker, negotiated with record companies to voluntarily label potentially objectionable albums with explicit warning labels. What the PMRC is trying to achieve is to have record stores remove anything with a warning sticker because of a fear of being sued by the record buyer.

In 1986 the Wal-Mart chain removed all rock magazines, including the more adult ones like Rolling Stone. The chain did this after company officials met with evangelist Jimmy Swaggart. Swaggart opposes rock music in any form, including Christian rock. Swaggart said, "You cannot proclaim the message of the anointed with the music of the devil."

The question everybody asks is, what right does a "parents" group or anyone else have to tell the rest of the world how sex or religion should be discussed? People listen to music because they like the sound of it and sometimes the feeling of the lyrics. Any kind of art has all sorts of contradictory messages.

The PMRC telling people not to think for themselves is a more frightening message than any found on a record album.

New releases are springing up

By ROGER STROOP
Staff Writer

Spring has arrived. What better way to participate in this time of renewal than to expose your newly warm ears to some new musical-type sound stuff. Here are a pair of recent releases for your consideration.

THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS — THE DOWNWARD ROAD

If you're looking for a departure in style on this third album by Toronto-based TPOH, you will be disappointed. Up-tempo guitar rock tunes featuring the sweetest female backup harmonies since the Mamas and the Papas and witty wordplay voiced by lead singer Moe Berg comprise most of The Downward Road.

Not that this is a problem. The songs are still just as catchy as on the first two albums, and Berg's often-hilarious (and insightful) lyrics continue to astound. And as usual, the ballads sound pretty without being sappy.

This is yet another example of why the adjective "Canadian" is no longer a put-down when applied to pop music.

LIVING COLOUR- STAIN

The third full-length work by this New York metal band contains some of their most aggressive material to date.

Corey Glover's growl epitomizes anger and alienation on almost every song. And with song titles such as Go Away and Mind Your Own Business, this is how it should be.

Some of the less angry material, however, doesn't seem to fit as well onto this album as other musical departures have on Living Colour's previous two records.

Still, if you want something you can play loud after a particularly awkward day, Stain will do nicely.

Note: This album contains a song called Bi. What's it about? Well, it's not about bicycling, bilingualism or the Bionic Woman. That's all I'm going to tell you.

Thought Industry - 'a diseased collage of art metal'

By BRANDON BAIN
Staff Writer

Thought Industry have been described as "a diseased collage of art metal, electronic hardcore, college sounds and malignant vocals," by their record company Metal Blade Records.

"We're striving for our own identities as a band and as people," said Dustin Donaldson, drummer for the band. "We just wanted to start our own genre. It's just being tired of the same old thing."

Their debut album is called Songs For Insects with Donaldson, bassist and vocalist Brent Oberlin, guitarist Paul Enzio and guitarist Christopher Lee. "I think the album is a very honest statement from us, we did this for ourselves," Donaldson said.

Thought Industry skipped the usual hassels a band has before a record deal. While most bands make two or three demo recordings and promote themselves independently, Thought Industry made one demo and then gave it to an important person.

"We're from Kalamazzo, Mich., which is also the home town of Metallica bassist Jason Newsted. I gave him a copy of our demo when he was in town for a week," Donaldson said. "He came to one of our shows later in the week and asked for two promo packs. A couple of days later Metal Blade called. It was a nice way of skipping around things," Donaldson said. "Jason said he gets a lot of demos from bands and ours was the only thing he listened to more than once."

Some song titles are Daughter Mobius, Alexander vs. The Puzzle, Blistered Text and Bleeding Pens and Third Eye, which has linear notes about escaping to the Canadian wilderness.

"Third Eye is about not going to war, staying away from that at all costs," Donaldson said. "It's so glamorized on television, they got some guy driving a tank with a sunset and people jumping out of an airplane, all these action shots. They don't show the carnage and the horrible things that happen to families.

"What escaping to the Canadian wilderness means is, when the whole Gulf War thing started there was a good chance of people being drafted. So we said we'll do anything it takes not to go and if we had to we were going to sneak into Canada," Donaldson said.

Country music stomps its way across Canada

By JENNIFER BARR
Staff Writer

Grievous Angels proved that country music doesn't belong to Nashville. They have taken their music to Inuit villages in the Arctic and to the nightclubs of Toronto.

A new album, North of Watershed, will be released in spring of 1993. The group plans to take their music to as many folk festivals as they can across Canada.

The Angels portray people struggling in the big city, while dreaming of small towns. While not preforming, Chuck Augus, song-writer and frontman, works as a chimney sweep in Northeastern Ontario. He has co-written with Andrew Cash and panned songs for groups such as the Skydiggers.

Peter Jellard uses a wide variety of instruments all the way from the cajun accordian to the fiddle which he learned to play in a Paris, France subway station.

Apart from working in a book store, Tim Hadley plays the bass for the band. Rick Conroy is the keyboard pianist.

Peter Duffin has played the drums for the band for five years. Before joining the band, he played with Andrew Cash for eight years. When he is not on the road or playing gigs, he works as a firefighter for the North York fire department. He describes his music as, "Canadian post roots."

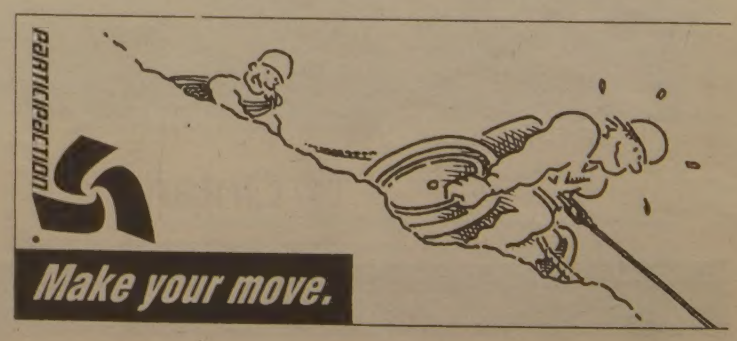
It takes a lot of work and disapline to work in a band, he said. Most of the arts make very little money in their early days.

Toot la Gang, the Grievous Angels first album, was released in 1989. In 1990, One Job Town, was released, selling in countries such as Europe and Japan. The band was nominated last year for best country group or duo.

"It felt nice to get recognition from the music industry," Duffin said.

Grievous Angels have made major appearances in Vancouver, Winnipeg, Calgary and Regina folk festivals. They also support many social causes such as picket line performances and playing at the opening of the Saint Francis Table Restaurant for the homeless.The band members and their manager organized a train trip for 50 musicians to protest cutbacks on via rail.

Some might say, the Grievous Angels have brought Canadian music back to the people.



Female roles on TV have not changed with the times

By KATHERINE AGNEW
Staff Writer

The old boys are back and the good women are back in the kitchen.

Everybody remembers the delicate mother on "Leave it to Beaver" or the sweet wife Mary Tyler Moore played on "The Dick Van Dyke Show." For many years, the only image of women seen on television was that of those obedient and subservient women. Women were portrayed as being emotional, incompetent, overshadowed and governed by men and even less intelligent.

Since those shows, the significance and value given to women characters on television has still been minimal and has not changed with the times; employed women have been portrayed as overly aggressive, selfish in the pursuit of their own careers and neglectful of relationships.

In the 1970s, television infatuated with the new wave of feminism, introduced new working female characters; new shows starred women who were placed in non-traditional roles. Mary Tyler Moore played an intelligent, capable reporter; "Maude" portrayed an assertive middle-aged woman; "Rhoda" showed a single working woman; despite its drawbacks, "Charlie's Angels" were bright, independent detectives.

But how authentic were these changes? "Charlie's Angels," Charlie being their male boss who gave them orders over a little black soundbox, solved crimes while in spas, cheerleading squads, beaches and other settings that required them to dress provocatively. "Mary" was soon loved by both women and men; her impact on women's roles was strong. She was a young professional and one of the first women to openly discuss sex on television. Yet she was still the only one in her newsroom who referred to her boss as "Mr. Grant," everyone else just called him "Lou." "Rhoda," played by Valerie Harper, became an insecure character and she eventually found some security in a marriage; this marriage inevitably failed.

The media also failed to represent the wide diversity of the employed female audience: successful professionals or non-traditional job holders. In 1954, less than 25 per cent of the work force was female; in 1988, more than 45 per cent of the work force was female. But television has failed to reflect these changes. On television, less than one-third of female characters are shown as working outside the home in a specific occupation.

In the sitcom, "Who's the Boss," the female lead, Angela, is a working professional and a mother. Angela is portrayed, while being successful professionally, incompetent with the responsibilites in the home: cooking, cleaning, and being a full-time mother. A male housekeeper has to come to the rescue.

The female lead of the series "Moonlighting" was a wealthy owner of a private investigation company. Her wealth had been attained from the profits of her pretty face. But her character was soon overpowered by her employee/partner David. They were continually involved in a war of insults where he often came across as humorous and she as floundering.

Many shows also depicted women's characters as less important to them than romantic or family concerns. The wildly successful sitcom "Cheers" stars a chauvinistic womanizer and an anxious single, working woman. Sam has been portrayed as a persuasive, sly man who has had hundreds of guileless women fall for his one-liners. Rebecca, on the other hand, is shown as neurotic and whose only concern is to marry rich or even just go on a date.

Despite the stride toward a fairer and more realistic portrayal of women, executives were still not completely comfortable. In "Murphy Brown," the option of abortion was not openly discussed and the independent women of "Designing Women" and "Golden Girls" were shown in traditional and reassuring settings in a strictly all-female world.

The diversity of women is being lost and most female characters are fit to an inflexible mould. Television overemphasizes some part of a woman, her nurturing side, and ignores or discredits the others.

Television has preferred its concept of women to remain motionless, while the rest of the world took steps away from the established view of the role of women. If television does not revitalise new images for women, who knows, they might even bring back good old June Cleaver.

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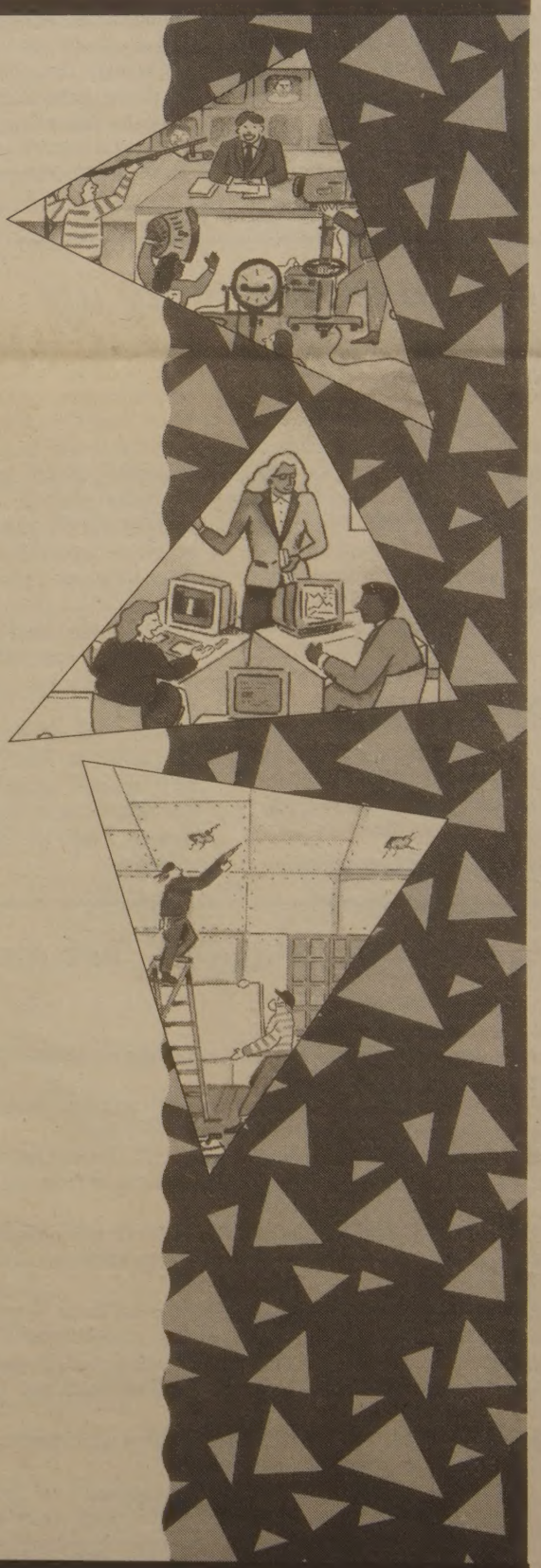

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A book no woman should be without

By JENNIFER BARR
Staff Writer

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SPORTS

'Around the Bay Race'
North America's oldest foot race

By DARIUS SOKAL
Staff Writer

When the expected group of 1,500 runners line up on the corner of York and Bay streets in Hamilton on March 28, it will mark the 99th anniversary of North America's oldest foot race, the "Around the Bay Road Race."

The gruelling 30-kilometers competition was initially run in 1894, three years before the world famous Boston Marathon.

The winner of that inaugural test was Billy Marshall, an army officer who, on a cold, windy Christmas morning, crossed the finish line 2:14.

Marshall, wearing a brown sweater, canvas knickers and tennis shoes, received a silver cup and flowers for his victory. Not bad, considering the second and third place prizes were what every serious runner desires, cigars. Fourth place earned a cane. No kidding.

The list of winners in the early years of the race includes the names of some of history's greatest runners. Most notably, Billy Sherring (1899, 1903) and Tom Longboat (1906).

Sherring's victory at the "Around the Bay" road race was a prelude to one of the greatest moments in sports history. In 1906, Sherring won a marathon in Greece on the original route used by the legendary Greek solider Pheidippides, who ran 42.195 km to bring word of battle victory over the Persians to Athens. Pheidippides dropped dead after delivering his message.

In the 1906 race, unknown 19-year-old Tom Longboat exploded onto the world running scene by crossing the finish line more than three minutes ahead of the competiton. Longboat went on to win the 1907 Boston Marathon, smashing the record time by more than five minutes. In the 1908 Olympic Games in London, England, Longboat was well ahead of the pack heading into the final 10 km of the marathon, but suddenly collapsed from sunstroke.

Because of rule disagreements and sponsorship difficulties, the race was not held from 1917 to 1919 and 1925 to 1935.

According to Race Director Peter Rhodes, the number of entries this year has surpassed last year's at this point. "Last year we had 1,328 competitors in 22 categories, and it looks like we should pass that this year," he said.

The categories range from 19 years old and under to 70 plus.

"Last year we had a 14-year-old and an 80-year-old who ran the race. That's remarkable," said Rhodes.

This year's race will again have a stellar field of competitors.

All eyes will be on marathoner Peter Maher, who represented Canada at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, Spain. Maher is a five-time winner of the "Around the Bay" race and holds the course record of 1:33 set in 1991. Maher also holds the world mark at 25 km.

Other notable competitors are American marathon great and former world record holder Bill Rodgers and Bro Siskin, the world record holder at 40 km.

Last year's winner, Clive Hamilton of Kitchener, Ont., has not confirmed his entry.

In the women's field, two-time winners Veronique Marot and Laura Konantz will square off to try and become the first three-time winner of the event.

Marot, the winner last year, is the British champion and French record holder in the marathon.

Canadian Olympian Lizanne Bussieres, of Quebec, will also participate. She represented Canada the past year in Barcelona.

The women will be setting their sights on Anne-Marie Malone's world best of 1:46.29, set at the "Around the Bay" race in 1984.

Prizes for the winners are $1,000 for first place, $500 for second and $250 for third. An additional $500 will be awarded to anyone who breaks the course record.

Further registration information is available from Peter Rhodes, race director, at (416) 957-1581.

Curling won't sweep you off your feet

By RICK KINZEL
Staff Writer

In last week's edition of the Niagara News, the question of good curling being an oxymoron was raised. Although I didn't want to get swept up (pun intended) in the debate, I feel my position needs defending.

The reason good curling is an oxymoron has nothing to do with it replacing TSN's fascinating line-up of snowmobile racing, dog-sledding and a ball game from Phil Rizzuto's prime. The problem lies in the lack of action.

A sport which takes 23 seconds to execute a shot is not going to put fans on the edge of their seats, unless their behinds are five-feet wide. This is just slightly faster than molasses rolling downhill and slightly more exciting than paint drying.

Curling cannot produce players to prove its athletic requirements but I can't comment until I've tried it. However the day I can't move 40 pounds of rock on ice is the day I buy a white belt, white shoes and a bumper sticker stating I'm spending my children's inheritance.

You need skill and to have curled at least five times to throw a shot exactly 23.5 seconds, but let's make the sport more difficult — lose the sweepers. (We would have to cancel "The Hammer Broom" commercials but hey, sometimes you must sacrifice.) There isn't another sport where assisting a shot is allowed. This is similar to the Canadian Football League's logic, awarding a point for a missed field goal. A golfer's caddie is not allowed to repair spike marks or direct the moving ball into the cup so why have it in curling?

The saving grace of the sport is the great amount of strategy involved. However, there is a great amount of strategy in chess, but you don't see 12 hours a day of chess coverage on television. I once thought the sport of curling was an oxymoron but after watching it I have changed my mind. However, the acceptance of "good curling" will take a bit longer to get used to.

Counting strokes for charity

By DENNIS FAST
Staff Writer

The 7th Annual Niagara Classic Golf Tournament will be held Sunday, May 2 at the International Country Club in Stevensville. All proceeds from the event will go to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

The tournament, which has raised as much as $1,000 in the past, is open to alumni, students and faculty and staff at Niagara College.

Niagara's Business Sales Group, headed by Bob Young, an instructor in Business Sales, is selling sponsorships for each of the 18 holes to try and keep costs down.

The price for a ticket is $40 which includes 18 holes of golf, a steak dinner and a prize. The prizes range in price from $3 to $15.

Tickets are available from the Business Sales Group or Bob Young in ME112A.

NHL expansion draft comprised of fourth liners

By LLOYD ABBS
Staff Writer

And the Miami Stingrays choose as their first pick in the 1993 National Hockey League expansion draft - from the Quebec Nordiques goalie Stefane Fiset.

Like the past two seasons, the NHL will undergo expansion, but with a new twist. All other established teams can now protect only nine forwards, five defencemen and one goalie, thus leaving plenty of talent in the expansion pool.

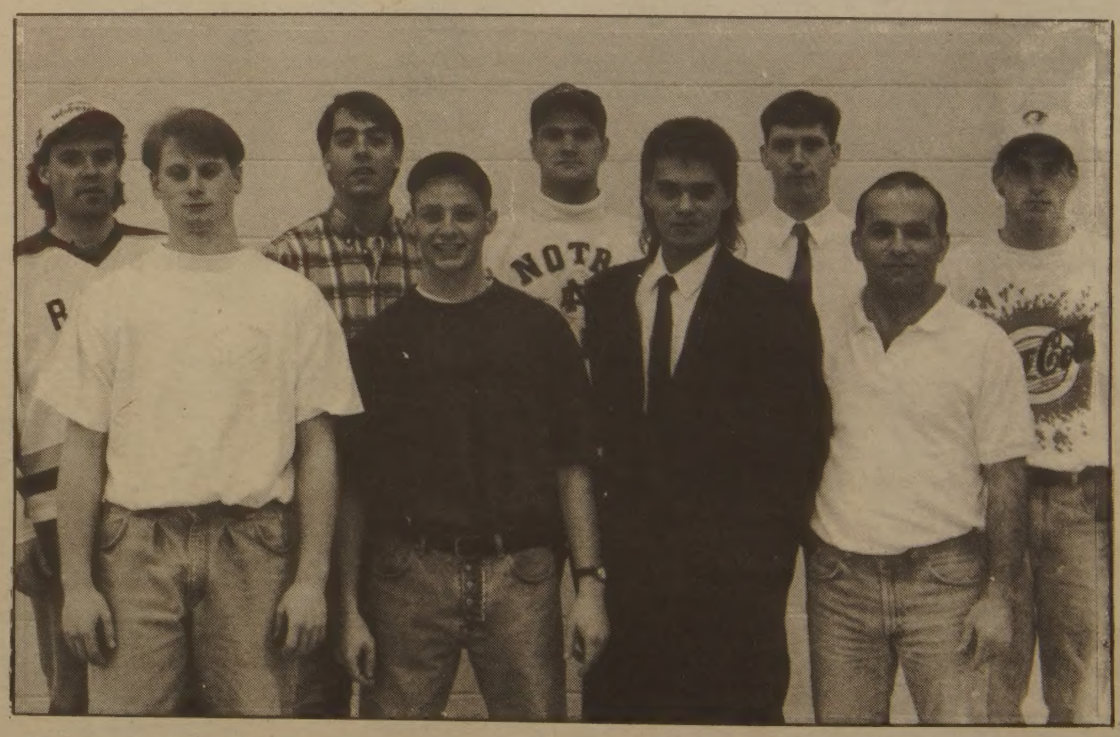
In this column, I am the general manager of Miami Stingrays (a name in which I made up), the newest expansion franchise. Just for argument sake, Miami won the toss to pick first.

I'll start in goal. There are several talented, but inexperienced goaltenders available. Traditionally as an expansion franchise, I'll pick one promising rookie and one veteran. As Ottawa found out last year, it's impossible to combine both. So I'll take Fiset, 22, a young goalie who plays the angles well and combines good reflexes with goalie sense. He will mature, but for backup, I select Don Beaupre of the Washington Capitals. Beaupre, 31, has been around the league long enough to be an asset to any expansion club.

On defence, my franchise will need some experienced rearguards with average speed. The likes of Michel Petit, Brad McCrimmon, Luke Richardson, Tom Kurvers, Mark Osiecki and Neil Sheehy. All these players (with the exception of Osiecki), have at least five years of NHL experience. Not a bad nucleus of players to work with from an expansion draft.

For forwards, the likes of bruisers Gino Odjick, Craig Coxe, and Mick Vukota make up a solid fourth line that would intimidate any team. Brent Ashton, Ed Olczyk, Jim Sandlak, Shawn Antoski, Yanic Perreault, and Claude Vilgrain combine youth and experience, plus there is always the possibility of picking up a few players through trades.

With the right preparation and scouting programs, the expansion process can be an easy one. Obviously this was only an example, but one which should be looked at very closely.



Bronze medalists

The Niagara College Knights men's volleyball team captured the Division Two bronze medal for the second straight year in playoffs held at Redeemer College in Ancaster last month. Team members in front row from left include Jim Konrad, Rick Holman, Donald Shantz, and coach Ray Sarkis. Members in back row from left include Alain Belanger, Brian Dekker, Greg Heyder, Brent Roszell, and Kevin Jones.

Photo by Frank Iudiciani

Vandals creating problems for some college classes

By SHERI GOODMAN
Staff Writer

A computer disc drive was kicked in and a screen was chalked over in a computer lab at the Welland campus on Sunday, March 7.

There is continual damage and constant theft in the labs, said Linda Maidens, the college's building services supervisor.

"On the whole we have a relatively good record when compared to other colleges," said Elizabeth Weldon, director of management information services.

Damage in the labs is caused by maliciousness and "finger problems," which happen when people accidently drop something or put a disc in a drive the wrong way.

Just plain maliciousness is hard to swallow because not only does it cost to replace or repair the hardware, but also time to investigate the problem and try to correct it in time for class, and we're running classes from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Weldon said.

"In order to get someone in to repair it for morning we have to run a night shift, and sometimes we do. We're all on call," Weldon said.

The other cost is the loss of a class because the computers can't be repaired in time.

Damage done to the computers range from putting keys on the keyboard backwards to tapping into the brain of the computer and confusing it, to deleting files from the hard drive.

"But, we're reducing those and gearing what we're buying to the situations we're finding," Weldon said.

Weldon said the college almost needs an ethics class at the beginning of computer courses at the college.

About $1,000 has been spent replacing computer mice, Weldon said. Ribbons are also stolen from the printers.

Weldon said the damage has been going on since computers have been at the college. She said it was worse a few years ago.

"I think people are more used to computers and they use them as a tool rather than something that is fascinating and new. So they're using them appropriately," Weldon said.

If a student is caught committing vandalism, a security guard will take down their name, studen' number and assess the damage.

"If it's a situation where we feel the police should be brought in then we call them. If it's petty vandalism we write them a letter warning them that if they're caught again they might be suspended," Maidens said.

In some situations where a student has purposely damaged something the college has had to repair, the college will send a bill to the student involved or their parents.

Working women...

Cafeteria workers Joan Jones, front, Sharon Morabito and Betsy Timmers, back, begin preparing food early each day for Niagara College staff and students. Here, Jones wraps muffins for the breakfast and lunch crowds.

Photo by Patrick Aselstine

Niagara College instructor honored

By JENNIFER HERR
Staff Writer

Gino Arcaro does not coach football for recognition or monetary reward.

"It was the advancement of the kids" figuring behind the 16 years of football coaching that led the Niagara College Law and Security Administration program instructor to receive the Port Colborne Rotary Club's Paul Harris Fellowship.

The award was presented to the former police officer at the club's Feb. 15 meeting. The fellowship, named for the founder of Rotary, is given annually to a volunteer who fulfils Rotary's objectives of assisting in community endeavors.

Arcaro, who was a police officer for 15 years, has taught at the college for the past three years on a full time basis and has coached throughout the Niagara peninsula. He was head coach at Sir Winston Churchill High School in Hamilton, Ont., coached for 15 years at Port Colborne High School, and is acting defensive co-ordinator for the Burlington Braves, a team in the Canadian Junior Football League for men under 22.

Each year, the former football player, who gave up actively participating in the sport because of shiftwork with the Niagara Regional Police, attempts to have his players recruited by American junior colleges. He has done so successfully several times. "One kid I coached in Port Colborne is in his fourth year playing in Pennsylvania, and he just got drafted into the Canadian Football League," says the proud coach.

Arcaro plays down the fact the award was given to him. "You don't do things to get the awards. It looks good for these kids . . . They work really, really hard. It's a long road."

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